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In re Applicant : Jacobson, et al.
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For : METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING REGULATORS OF
PROTEIN-ADVANCED GLYCATION END PRODUCT
(PROTEIN-AGE) FORMATION
Art Unit : 1651
Examiner : S. Saucier

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RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND AMENDMENT

This is in response to the restriction requirement of February 5. The examiner required restriction between method claims 1-10, and kit claim 11.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-10, with traverse.

The examiner argues that the kit of Group II is not required to carry out the assay, and kits have structure not required in the carrying out of the assay.

Applicants respond by noting that the examiner has not pointed to any other use for the kit of claim 11 other than for use in the assay of claims 1-10. With respect to the examiner's point regarding "multiple methods," this is obscure. The relevance to the invention is not seen. In any event, since the claimed subject matter, i.e., claims 1-10, requires both histone H1 and

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